

State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council

2nd Quarterly Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 18th, 2020

[9:20 PM – 2:30 PM] - All Members – Statewide

Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461712645 by phone +13126266799, 84461712645#

The meeting was called to order by W. Keck at 9:20 AM. Attendance was taken by V. Iyer at 9:21 AM.

Present: V. Iyer, W. Keck, A. Drahos, A. Moorlach, B. Kelly, I. Hanson, J. Piazza, K. Jones, K. Jones, K. Hesselink, K. Castillo, K. Chugh, K. Huntington, L. Glenn, L. Roarick, P. Bassuk, S. Wilson, S. Koh, S. Drey, T. Loudon

Absent: Ka. Jones

I. Welcome & Announcements

At 9:31 AM, S. Michael gives some announcements and reminders to the board from DHR. No official votes can be made on this call because DHR forgot to send out the public agenda. At 9:43 AM, W. Keck answers questions about today's meeting.

II. Executive Committee and Committee Chairs Updates

At 9:52 AM, K chugh gives update on leg affair chair about how he will send out an email regarding similar position statements from third party organizations

At 9:54 AM, B. Kelly gives an update on the IDEA chair about equity discussions and translating the SIYAC handbook, and public affairs chair giving out newsletters for SIYAC members this year to local papers.

At 9:52 AM, S koh gives update on service chair about how she has created a service opportunity calendar for at-home volunteering and in the city volunteering, as well as an online/in-person celebrations for International Human Rights Day

At 9:59 AM, committee chairs share any pressing updates.

Education: P bassuk progress in outreach to get people across iowa involved in the draft, creating a partnership with Iowa City school district, Dr. Kimberly Wayne from BOE Human Rights: A Moorlach explains HR position statements, great outreach to gain support for the position statements

Health: L Glenn not a whole lot, one big position statement with menstrual equity, intersex rights, and banning gay conversion therapy

Environmental: T loudon shares updates

At 10:04 AM, W. Keck talks about sending congratulatory letters to the different state reps and senators who were elected to Iowa Legislature this year.



III. Team Building Activity

At 10:11 AM, T. Mosley begins the team building activity about confronting stereotypes.

IV. White Privilege and White Fragility

At 10:30 AM, V. Iyer begins a presentation on White Privilege and White Fragility for the council

V. Review Debate and Voting Procedures

At 11:13 AM, W. Keck goes over Robert's Rules and debate procedure for the position statements; we will do straw votes, not an official vote, but we will still be debating

VI. Present and Debate Position Statements

At 12:22 PM, W. Keck begins the position statement discussion.

Human Rights:

- Automatic Voter Registration → opt-out voting system
 - J. Piazza explains and advocates for this bill as a member of the Human Rights committee, how this bill will enfranchise many
 - 5 minutes of debate: council members ask questions and advocate for the bill
 - Motion to straw poll by A. Moorlach, second by Kendall Jones → straw poll unanimously passes Automatic Voter Registration bill
- Sanctuary Cities → limits cooperation with law enforcement/ICE
 - A. Moorlach advocates for this bill, showing how this bill allows peace of mind and human rights for (undocumented) immigrants living in Iowa.
 - 5 minutes of debate: council members ask questions and advocate for the bill
 - Motion to previous question by I. Hanson, second by Kendall Jones → tabled by B. Kelly, second by P. Bassuk
 - Motion to bring back the position statement by A. Moorlach, second by B. Kelly
 - Motion to amendments by I. Hanson second by A. Moorlach → amendments approved unanimously
 - Motion to approve position statement by B. Kelly, second by P. Bassuk
 → straw poll passed

Education:

- Education Equity → changes to Iowa curriculum



- P. Bassuk explains the need for equitable education for K-12 education in a way that it isn't dependent on individual teachers, rather held accountable at the state level.
- 5 minutes of debate: council members ask questions and advocate for or against the bill
- Motion to amendments by I. Hanson:
 - Add a definition of cultural responsiveness, seconded by L. Roarick, unanimous
 - P bassuk suggests adding a pd template, seconded by a drahos
 - P bassuk motions to table, L. Roarick seconds
- Motion to previous question by B. Kelly, second by I. Hanson, → straw poll unanimously passes education equity bill

Health:

- Advancing Gender Equity → menstrual equity, intersex rights, and banning gay conversion therapy
 - L. Glenn explains the bill and its importance in society, especially for those in a marginalized gender identity
 - 5 minutes of debate: council members ask questions and advocate for or against the bill
 - Motion to approve bill by A. Drahos, second by A. Jayaram → straw poll passed 17-1

Environmental:

- Sustainability Courses →
 - J. Piazza introduces the bill and its relevance to the current environment
 - 5 minutes of debate: council members ask questions and advocate for the bill
 - Motion to approve bill by B. Kelly, second by A. Jayaram → straw poll passed

IV. Next Steps

At 2:06 PM, the Council discussed when to officially approve position statements At 2:10 PM, the Council decided to hold a special meeting to officially approve position statements on Sunday, November 22nd at 8:15 PM.

At 2:11 PM, W. Keck explained that all position statement amendments must be finalized by Saturday, November 21st at 8:00 PM.

At 2:15 PM, W. Keck suggested moving the Council Call on December 13th to December 20th and cancel the call on December 27th due to religious holidays.



At 2:21 W. Keck lists through what he will do before the next call, including research and outreach for the IASB.

At 2:22 W. Keck begins a presentation about the future for SIYAC and the council moving forward.

VII. Adjournment

At 3:05 PM, the call was adjourned.